

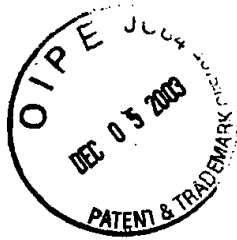
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In Re Application of:

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For: **OUTSIDE PLANT CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS AND METHODS**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

The outstanding final Office Action mailed September 3, 2003 (Paper No. 10) has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments in which claims 5, 8, 16, 19, 22, 24, 27, 28, 32, 35, 38, 39, 40 and 42 are directly amended. Claims 7 and 23 are cancelled. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.